



# **Open Space Steering Committee**

Virtual Community Meeting  
December 9, 2020

# Agenda

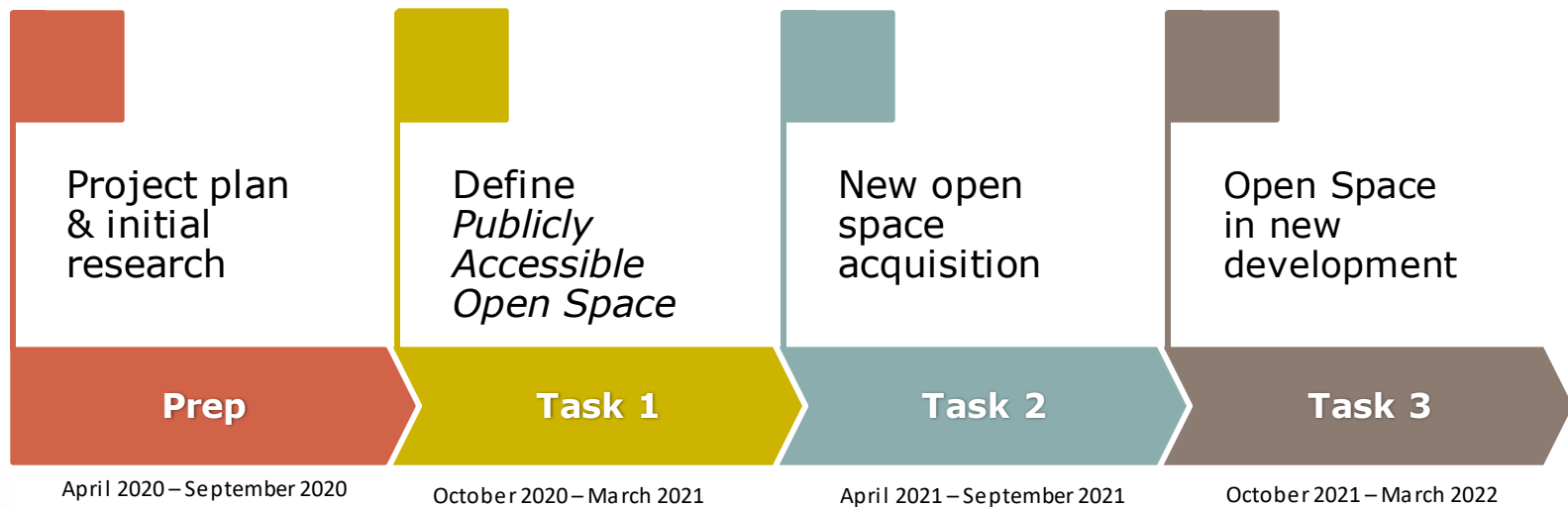
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# Zoom Ground Rules





# Project Timeline





# Intent of Meeting

Review and build on the draft definitions of publicly accessible open space in order to get closer to a final definition



# Major Themes from Last Meeting

- Access/Perception of Public Accessibility
- Useable Open Space
- Quality of Open Space
- Purpose



# Open Space Definition Discussion

## Publicly Accessible Open Space Draft Definitions

- 1 Space available for public use for the purposes of outdoor recreation and leisure, cultural arts, and the protection of environmental, cultural, and historic resources, and which is intended to enhance the health and well-being of the community.
- 2 Land reserved for the purpose of formal and informal sport and recreation, preservation of natural environments, and/or provision of green space.
- 3 Space for recreation and leisure, natural resources, casual use, historic and cultural resources and is either publicly owned or has guaranteed public access – including parks, plazas, trails, streets, and recreation facilities. (Arlington)
- 4 Land that preserves and enhances Alexandria's vegetative and recreational areas and protects natural and developed amenities intended as areas for respite, with sunlight and fresh air for leisure activities.



**Thank you for your input!**

# Next Steps

- Using the input collected from tonight's meeting staff will begin refining the definition
- Staff will compile a list that includes the purpose, characteristics, and goals of publicly accessible open space and share it with the Committee in the coming weeks.
- How will this definition be used and applied?
  - The Publicly Accessible Open Space Guidance document
  - Formulate a draft framework and outline of the three tasks
- **Next Meeting:** January 27, 2021

# What resources do you need from us?



# Information & Questions

- Information
  - [Open Space Planning](#)
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# Public Comment

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- Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.